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Summary

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Tommy goes to Margate after the failed assassination

Notes

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He’s loved, sure, but he’s never been in love the same way as Alfie. In the beginning, he had no intention of being anything other than business partners and friends, especially after the part he played in fucking up the plan with the Russians. But then he was locked up in Birmingham and needed something to keep his mind of John. And so it began. He never meant to; he just couldn’t think, and Alfie helped him think.

After the rally, the whole family were being so strange around him, coddling him. He noticed he couldn’t find any of the guns in the house, apart from the ones they didn’t know about. Ada had come to stay at the house, like she’d done after Grace. Barely let him out of her fucking sight, insisted on him staying in bed half the fucking day. Lizzie was worse; she felt bad, feeling like she drove him to it, and kept being fucking nice to him. Arthur spoke to him in the strangling way he spoke to him after Grace died, terrified he was a bomb about to explode.

He knew it came from a good place, but he couldn’t stand it anymore. He had to leave.

Alfie was all he had, then. So, Margate was the only place he could go.

Alfie didn’t make him explain, didn’t ask him why he wasn’t answering his phone in the weeks after the failed assassination. Didn’t get angry about thinking he was dead for a little while. Didn't ask why he hadn’t been in parliament.

He'd arrived in Margate and was welcomed without complaint.

They went to bed quickly but didn’t do anything. Alfie didn’t force anything, didn’t make him talk. They laid in bed until Tommy felt safe enough to sleep.

End Notes

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